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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S RESCUED HORSES CONSIGNED TO UCONN SALE

By Raymond Connors, Supervisor, State Animal Control Division



The Department of Agriculture has announced the upcoming sale of a group of rescued animals consisting of 19 horses and one mule. The animals are consigned to the University of Connecticut (UConn)'s Annual Spring Horse Auction and Tack and Equipment Tag Sale to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011, at the Horse Barn Hill Arena. The tag sale will begin at 9:00 a.m., the sale preview of horses at 11:00 a.m., and the auction at 1:00 p.m. The barn will be open at 9:00 a.m. for anyone who wishes to view the horses prior to the official sale preview.

The auction and sale are held by UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the benefit of the Equine Science Program in the Department of Animal Science. It is a student-organized event with faculty supervision. John Bennett, the barn manager, selects one senior and one junior to work on the event during the spring semester. Other student volunteers are assigned horses weeks in advance leading up to the sale to prepare them for the sale. The tack and equipment sale held on auction day features various vendors selling everything from used boots and breeches to horse trinkets and saddles.

The rescued and rehabilitated animals that the department is consigning to the UConn auction have been cared for at the department's large animal rescue barn located at the Gates Correctional

Facility in Niantic, CT. The rescue barn, built in 2003, is a cooperative effort of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Corrections. The animals, all of which have been seized as a result of evidence of animal cruelty and neglect, are cared for daily by Department of Agriculture staff and residents at the Gates Correctional facility. Combinations of over 180 horses, mules, and donkeys have been rehabilitated at this facility since its opening. The Animal Science Department of UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has been an important partner in finding good homes for the rehabilitated animals. The staff and students have taken a genuine interest in the animals as shown by their cooperation and dedication at each sale that has been held since 2003.

The animals consigned to the sale have been at the rescue barn for some time and are completely rehabilitated back to a healthy condition. The horses and the mule have current vaccinations, health certificates, negative Coggins tests, and each has a microchip (LifeChip®) for identification purposes. All records will be available to interested parties.

For more information regarding the department's animals, contact the State Animal Control Division at 860-713-2506 or visit the auction website at <http://www.cag.uconn.edu/ansci/ansci/equine/horsesale.php> where you will find information and photos on all of the rescued animals consigned to the auction.

For general information regarding the UConn Annual Spring Horse Auction and Tack and Equipment Tag Sale, you may go to the above website or contact UConn at 860-486-2034.

Photos: Rehabilitated animals at DoAG's Second Chance Barn, Niantic



NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

April 11, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen.

EXTRA LARGE	117-120
LARGE	113-117
MEDIUM	99-101

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., April 11, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt. (provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction)

There will be an Easter Lamb and Kid Goat Sale on Monday, April 18, 2:00 pm, at the Middlesex Auction.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-66 lbs.	32.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	48.00	58.00
76-90 lbs.	65.00	72.50
91-105 lbs.	75.00	85.00
106 lbs. & up	90.00	125.00
Farm Calves	130.00	175.00
Started Calves	45.00	50.00
Veal Calves	85.00	137.00
Open Heifers	77.50	105.00
Beef Heifers	62.00	85.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	112.50
Beef Steers	84.00	91.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	87.50
Beef Bulls	70.00	111.00
Feeder Pigs each	None to	Report
Lambs each	50.00	190.00
Goats each	45.00	180.00
Kid Goats each	12.50	92.50
Canners	Up to	69.50
Cutters	70.00	75.00
Utility Grade Cows	76.00	85.00
Rabbits each	4.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	50.00
Ducks each	4.00	24.00

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji 88ct WA	49.50	49.50
APPLES, Gala 113ct xfcy WA	44.00	44.00
BANANAS, 40lb	26.50	26.50
BEETS, 25lb sacks CA	41.00	41.50
BOK CHOY, 35lb, FL	35.75	35.75
CELERY, 1dz, CA	31.00	31.00
CILANTRO, 30s, FL	32.00	32.00
DAKION 1-1/9bu, CA	40.00	40.00
LIMES, 10lb, MX	18.50	18.50
MESCLUN, 3lb	19.75	19.75
MUSHROOM, White 10lb lg PA	21.00	23.00
ONION, 40LB, med, Yellow, WA	31.50	31.50
ORANGES, Navel 88ct CA	37.50	37.50
PEARS, Bartlett 90sz ARG	42.25	42.25
PEPPER, Green bell xl FL	62.25	62.25
SPINACH, 4lb AZ	16.75	17.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb CA	31.00	31.00
TOMATOES, 10lb med FL	29.75	29.75

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, April 11, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	74.00-78.00	----	64.00-73.50
Boners 80-85% lean	70.00-74.00	75.00-78.00	----
Lean 85-90% lean	66.00-69.00	71.00-74.00	62.00-65.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1285-1840 lbs 86.00-87.50

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4 one-gall	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Empire 80ct, xfcy	20.00	22.00
APPLES, Macintosh xfcy, 100ct	22.00	23.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	5.00
LETTUCE, Boston, Greenhouse 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	32.00	32.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 4lb bag AZ	13.00	13.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb lg CA	27.00	28.00
BEANS, Green Handpick bu FL	18.00	20.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	15.00	21.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct FL	13.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Green med, 50lb GA	10.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Nappa 50lb FL	16.00	18.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct GU	11.00	13.00
CORN, 4 half-doz FL	14.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med MX	28.00	36.00
DATES, 11lb xfcy lg CA	55.00	55.00
EGGPLANT, Thai, 35lb, med HD	43.00	46.00
ESCAROLE, 1 1/9bu FL	14.00	16.00
GARLIC, 3lb, Braided CAN	8.00	8.00
KALE, 16-18s, SC	11.00	12.00
LEEK, 12s SC	18.00	22.00
LEMON, 115ct CA	20.00	21.00
LETTUCE, Green leaf, 24ct AZ	14.00	17.00
MUSHROOM, 10lb, White lg PA	16.50	17.50
ONION, Vidalia sweet 40lb GA	20.00	23.00
PEAR, 4/5bu, Bosc, 100ct OR	36.00	36.00
PEAS, English, bu FL	35.00	35.00
POTATOES, 50lb, Red, SzA, FL	22.00	24.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles, 1 1/9bu lge FL	24.00	26.00
PEPPER, Green bell, 1-1/9bu xl FL	10.00	14.00
RADISHES, 1/2bu FL	12.00	13.00
RHUBARB, 10lb Grhse NTH	27.00	27.00
ROMAINE, 24ct AZ	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, Green, 1/2bu med FL	8.00	10.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	17.00	21.00
THAI GINGER, 5lb	20.00	20.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
80-130 lbs 120.00-140.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1
90-130 lbs 200.00-300.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:

Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3

40-60 lbs	246.00-288.00
60-80 lbs	237.00-255.00
80-90 lbs	238.00-257.00
90-110 lbs	236.00-252.00
110-130 lbs	228.00-245.00
130-150	208.00-222.00

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	238.00-252.00
60-80 lbs	209.00-234.00
90-110 lbs	196.00-211.00
110-130 lbs	205.00-218.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs	90.00-110.00
160-200 lbs	88.00-108.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	77.00-88.00
160-200 lbs	69.00-84.00
200-300 Lbs	61.00-77.00

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

BROWN EGGS TO RETAILERS

Prices paid per dozen Grade A brown eggs in carton delivered store door
April 11, 2011

XTRA LARGE	180-187
LARGE	170-174
MEDIUM	128-133

PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

April 11, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	170.00-195.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-195.00
Timothy	N/A
	Good
Alfalfa	145.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	145.00-160.00
Timothy	125.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	130.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-130.00
Timothy	100.00-125.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

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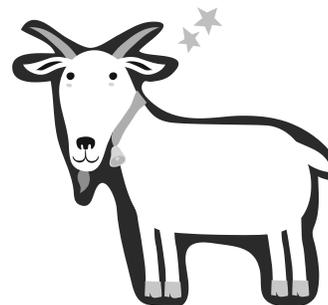
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	69.00-72.00
	270-300 lbs	68.50-70.50
45-49	300-400 lbs	62.50-65.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	55.00-57.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	N/A

SLAUGHTER GOATS:

All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 40-60 lbs	114.00-138.00
60-80 lbs	132.00-152.00
80-90 lbs	139.00-148.00
90-100 lbs	151.00-156.00
100-110 lbs	165.00-180.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	118.00-138.00
130-180 lbs	126.00-146.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	180.00-197.00
150-250 lbs	193.00-208.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders, and CT Beekeepers Associations special insurance packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency—Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, dohuahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, dohuahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

33-R. Premium mulches. Natural, dark brown, black and vibrant colors. Call for pricing, orders, and delivery. Contact Charles Leigus (860) 301-0673.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

71-R. JD 6310 4x4 640 loader - \$27,000. 6405 2wd 620 loader, low hours - \$26,000. IH 986 4-post with roof - \$8,500. JD 750 2wd with loader - \$4,500. JD 5320 2wd low hours - \$13,500. Farmall 300, JD B, Massey 375, JD and IH front and rear wheel weights. 203-530-4953.

72-R. NH 575 balers with throwers, 3 to choose from - \$12,000 and up. NH 258 hydraulic drive rake - \$3,500. IH reset plows 710, 720 4 & 5 bottom. JD 336 with kicker, real sharp \$5,000. NH 311 baler with chute and hitch \$4,500. 2 Case IH 8430 round balers \$6,500 and \$7,500. NH BR 730 round baler like new \$10,500. Case IH SBX 520 baler same as NH 565 like new \$8,000. JD Wheel harrow, kicker wagons new and used. Kuhn 4-star hydraulic fold tedder. New Morra 4-star hydraulic fold tedder \$4,500. New Pequay 11-foot rotary rake \$6,000. NH 256, 258 rakes 5-ton fertilizer spreader \$3,000. Call 203-530-4953.

73-R. Rye straw cleaner, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly seed lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

75-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @ 860-974-3853.

76-R. JD 1219 haybine-\$1500.00. Many extra parts, runs well, stored indoors. 860-437-7828; tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net.

77-R. Horse drawn manure spreader \$350.00. Small 4'X7' car trailer needs work, \$125.00. Call 860-274-8473.

79-R. 30 acres of farmland, 2 tobacco barns for rent or lease in Enfield, CT. Call 1-860-763-1973 or 1-860-749-9053. Leave message.

83-R. Crossbred cows and cows with calves, all A.I. bred, \$1000 to \$1400. Call 860-889-2294.

84-R. For Sale: Beautifully restored farmhouse with garden center, greenhouses, barn. Great location in Niantic, CT. Heavy traffic volume on corner lot. 1.62 acres waterfront. \$689,900.00. Art Clauson @ 860-984-3196.

85-R. Good hay. Good prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$30.00 and up. Square bales: good hay \$4.50, mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605. Ask for Tom.

WANTED

51-R. Golden Jubilee parts wanted, carburetor and drawbar, also 9N-2N parts wanted 6 volt generator, distributor and drawbar, also pieces of angle iron and steel. Please call Bill 860-653-0491.

62-R. Prides Corner Farms is a diversified 500 acre wholesale production nursery located in Lebanon, CT that produces plants for customers in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic region. Our product lineup includes perennials, grasses, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, & edible ornamentals. We are actively seeking individuals for Foreperson Trainees and Grower Interns. Qualified applicants will be enthusiastic, positive minded people that like working outdoors and have an interest in plants. We provide on-the-job training for these full-time career opportu-

nities with benefits. A great team environment! Give us a call or email. Human Resources HR@pridescorner.com 1-860-642-3081 www.pridescorner.com

69-R. Cow manure wanted for garden. Would like it loaded. Please call 203 217-4508.

81. Looking for someone who trims cows' hooves in Lebanon, Connecticut area 860-423-4995.

82-R. Wanted: 18.4-38 Radial tractor tire. Good condition. Call Bill @ 203-237-9400 or 203-641-2284 or wkogut@cox.net.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

59-R. Cropland for lease. Willington near Exit 69 I84. Thirty (30) acres, consisting of several fields suitable for hay, no-till silage, etc. Must use NRCS guidance. Winter cover crop and liability insurance required. \$750 per year. Long term lease. Evelyne Parizek, o.a. Parizek Realty 860-429-9984.

68-R. For rent in Enfield – 4-acre tobacco shed with land. Call 860-841-4480.

UConn SHEEP SHEARING CLINIC APRIL 19

There will be a sheep shearing clinic at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2011, in the Livestock Barn on Horsebarn Hill Road at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. (Look for the upright silos opposite Horsebarn Hill Road Ext.) Bring your shears if you have questions about them. UConn sheep are waiting for you! Contact Randy Knight, Farm Manager, Livestock Units, Randall.Knight@uconn.edu

NEW OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO SIGN UP FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced a new opportunity for eligible landowners to apply for two of the agency's conservation programs, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). Applications are taken on a continuous basis; however Friday, May 13, 2011, is the deadline for Fiscal Year 2011 funding.

The EQIP Program helps promote farm and forest health by enhancing the environmental quality of soil, water, air, plants, and animals. EQIP provides payments to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

The WHIP Program helps improve fish and wildlife habitat and restore natural ecosystems, and helps people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance on grassland, riparian areas, state identified imperiled habitats, old fields, streams and rivers, early successional wetlands (tidal and nontidal), and shallow and deep water habitats.

For more information, visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or contact your nearest USDA Field Office: Brooklyn, 860-774-0224, ext. 102; Hamden, 203-287-8038, ext. 1; Norwich, 860-887-3604, ext. 300; Torrington, 860-626-8258, ext. 200; and Windsor, 860-688-7725, ext. 118.

FREE FARM & FIBER TOUR APRIL 23-24

New York's Washington County Free Farm & Fiber Tour will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 23 and 24, 2011. Visit alpacas, bunnies, goats, sheep and lambs, llamas, and more, on the farm, and meet the farmers and their families. Watch spinning, knitting, weaving and felting demonstrations. Learn about raising the livestock and pets that we cherish. Get ideas for marketing your own farm here in Connecticut! <http://www.washingtoncountyfibertour.org> for more information and details.

AGRITOURISM BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program allows farms with an agritourism component to have their brochures placed in Connecticut's five major welcome centers. A freestanding brochure rack in each center is dedicated to this program.

The monthly participation fee varies based on the delivery locations and schedule (see program guidelines for details). Space is limited and applications for the 2011-2012 Agriculture Brochure Distribution Program season will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received (not postmarked) by April 15, 2011. The first delivery will occur in May 2011. Monthly deliveries will continue through April 2012.

The guidelines/criteria and enrollment form for 2011-2012 are available on the Department's website, www.CTGrown.gov. Go to "Programs and Services" and click on "Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program."

Please contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov with any questions or for more information.

SURVEY FOR POULTRY PRODUCERS ABOUT MOBILE PROCESSING UNIT

The Connecticut Poultry Association is moving forward with its plan to acquire a mobile poultry processing unit for use in the State of Connecticut. A survey has been developed to help us in our planning and construction of the unit and we would like all those with potential interest in using this facility to fill out this short survey. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZB3ZRYZ> to access and fill out the survey.

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY JUNE 11, 2011

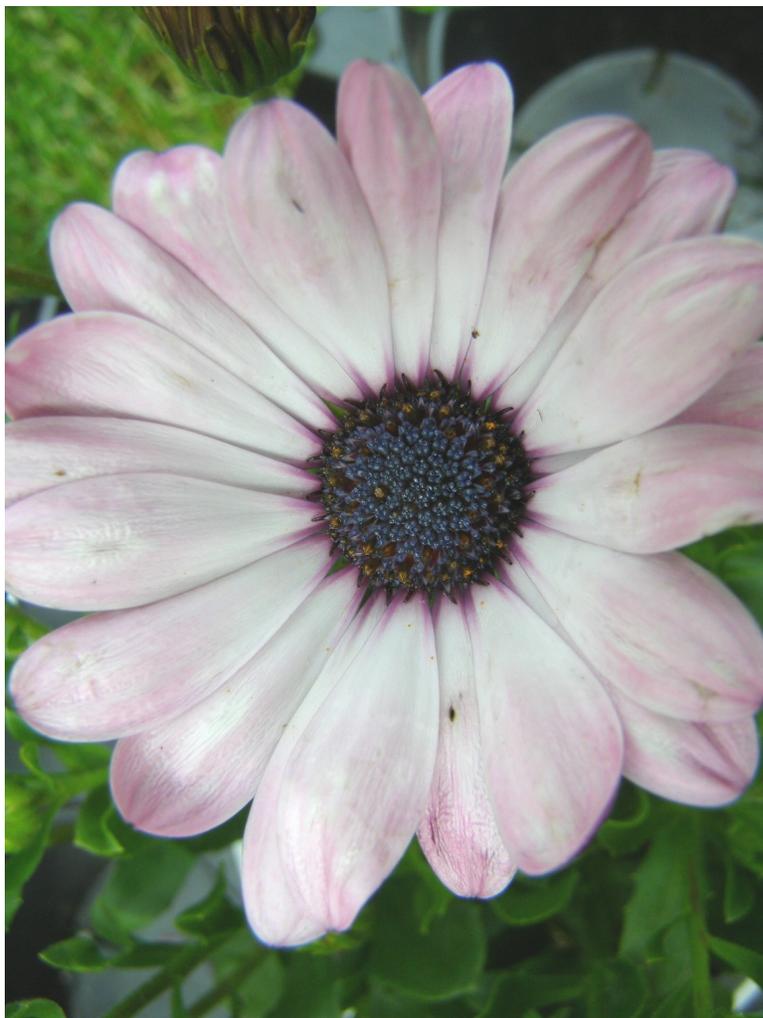
Forms are now available to sign up as a participating property for the 7th annual Connecticut Open House Day, Saturday, June 11, 2011. The statewide event, coordinated by the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, showcases Connecticut's diverse world of history, art, and tourism.

Last year more than 200 participating locations offered special incentives such as free or discounted admission, special activities or exhibits, and/or free gifts. The state's official tourism website, www.CTvisit.com, dedicates a special section to Connecticut Open House Day listing all participating venues and information. CCT promotes the event with public service announcements and public relations efforts generating statewide coverage. Participating properties are provided marketing support materials.

Deadline to sign up is April 29th to be eligible to receive your lawn signs or promotional banners. Forms are available on www.cultureandtourism.org. For more information contact Rosemary Bove, Rosemary.Bove@ct.gov, 860-256-2725.

FARMSTART CELEBRATES 5TH YEAR AND EXPANDS

FarmStart, an innovative Northeast program to help young people get started in farming now celebrating its fifth year, has announced that Yankee Farm Credit will become a partner with Farm Credit East and CoBank in the program. To date, FarmStart has invested more than \$2.5 million to 65 participants. The addition of Yankee Farm Credit expands the program to territory served by Yankee, which includes the state of Vermont, Connecticut River Valley area of New Hampshire, and Clinton and Essex Counties in New York. For more information on the FarmStart program please visit www.FarmCreditEast.com.



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